

**KEY VOTE ALERT -  
VOTE "YES" ON EXTENSION OF TRADE PREFERENCES  
AND PNTR FOR VIETNAM**

**MEMORANDUM**

To: NDC Members and other interested parties  
From: NDC Co-Chairs Ellen Tauscher, Adam Smith, Ron Kind, Artur Davis, and Joseph Crowley  
Re: NDC Key Vote Alert - Support (H.R. 6346)  
Date: December 7, 2006

Today, the House will consider H.R. 6346, legislation extending preferences for Africa, Haiti, Andean Countries, and the Generalized System of Preferences and PNTR for Vietnam.

The consequences of not renewing these preferences would be disastrous, as many of the beneficiary countries' economies - particularly in Latin America and Africa - depend heavily on preferential access to the U.S. market. We strongly support trade preferences as a vital tool for economic development and poverty reduction around the world, and in turn, a key to growing markets for American workers and investors.

The passage of PNTR will benefit the U.S. economy by further opening Vietnam - the newest WTO member - to American industrial and agricultural goods and services. In addition, approving Vietnam's WTO membership will provide the U.S. key dispute settlement processes for any trade issues between the two countries that may arise in the future.

As members of the House New Democrat Coalition who support expanding trade that benefits the U.S. economy and that of our trading partners, **we strongly urge you to support this legislation. This will be an NDC KEY VOTE.**

Sincerely,

Ellen Tauscher    Adam Smith    Ron Kind    Artur Davis    Joseph Crowley